



Volunteer Calgary's update of resources and activities within the voluntary sector

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THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING TAKES OFF

On November 12, 2008 Volunteer Calgary staff met face-to-face with representatives from various member organizations for the Annual Members Meeting at the Aerospace Museum.

In the midst of the historical exhibit showcasing the evolution of flight, Volunteer Calgary shared updates and plans with members. Most notable were Volunteer Calgary's new President and CEO Laurel Benson's welcome speech, the self-introductions of all the Volunteer Calgary staff, and Communications Manager Karen Franco's presentation on the successes of Volunteer Calgary's Social Media Initiatives, which sparked interest and stirred excitement among the attendees.

It was an event filled with experience and knowledge sharing which are valuable for the development of future programs and initiatives to further aid in the capacity- building of the non-profit sector.

Thank you for your participation!

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas is upon us and with it comes an influx of volunteers wanting to make a difference (and get on Santa's "Nice List").

If your organization has volunteer opportunities for the holidays, let Volunteer Calgary know and be included in the [Holiday Volunteer Highlights](#) listing which we are sending out to all our media contacts in a special blitz.

Contact communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca with "Holiday Volunteer

VOLUNTEER IN PROFILE

In partnership with CTV, Volunteer Calgary presents

Janelle Beaven

with
LINKAges
as
October's VIP.

To view the profile, [click here](#).

To find out how to participate in the 'Volunteer in Profile' program, please contact [Aden Hirtle](#) at 231-1432.

[Nominate someone now!](#)

FOR MEMBERS

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

✓ **Membership Renewal**
Volunteer Calgary is updating its membership renewal process.

You will receive a membership renewal instead of the old invoice.

All memberships expire on December 31, 2008. Expect the renewal notices by the

Opportunities" in the subject line of the email.

ONLY 14 MORE SLEEPS TO INT'L VOLUNTEER DAY!

Yes, International Volunteer Day is just around the corner! Volunteer Calgary will be celebrating the thousands of amazing volunteers that make Calgary such a vibrant urban centre!

To help our members and supporters recognize the efforts of their own volunteers we invite you to prepare a brief write-up (max of 150 words) on some of your outstanding individual volunteers or groups of volunteers and email their stories and the impact they have had on your organization to us at communications@volunteercalgary.ab.ca.

On December 5, we will publish a list of all the submissions that we receive on our homepage so that the entire city can join us in celebrating the incredible impact that volunteers have on our community!

For more information on International Volunteer Day, visit www.worldvolunteerweb.org

VOLUNTEER CALGARY'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Established in 1997, Volunteer Calgary's Leadership Awards are Calgary's premier community-focused volunteer recognition event. It provides a unique opportunity for the non-profit community to recognize the contributions of volunteers and promote the value of volunteerism.

On this special evening, the community comes together to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism with awards to recipients who receive recognition in the following categories:

- The lifetime commitment and volunteer work of an exceptional individual to our community through the **Heart of Calgary Award**.
- A Manager of Volunteers Award recognizing these individuals' commitment to engaging volunteers to accomplish their organization's mission with the **Leadership in Volunteer Management** Award;
- Youth and their achievements with the **Leaders of Tomorrow Awards** (Elementary, Junior High & Senior High);
- Businesses and their workplace volunteerism efforts with the **Leaders in Business** Awards;
- A nonprofit organization and its innovative volunteer program with the **Outstanding Volunteer Program** Award;
- The dedication and commitment of an outstanding volunteer with a Volunteer Calgary member organization through the **VIP (Volunteer in Profile)** Award;

end of November.

✓ Freshen up your profiles

Have you had staff changes, new email addresses, or phone numbers?

Keep us posted so we can keep your profiles fresh and current.

For more details, contact [Laura Thompson](mailto:Laura.Thompson@volunteercalgary.ab.ca) at 403-231-1445.

I Volunteer in Calgary

All member organizations and volunteers are invited to sign up for the [I Volunteer in Calgary](#) group on **Facebook**.

Share your volunteer stories, photos, announce upcoming events.

Join today!

**119 members
and counting!**



BOOK CLUB

Come and join the **Leadership Calgary* Book Club** and enjoy lively and stimulating discussions on unique topics.

Everyone is welcome to pull up a chair. The only requirement is a passion for reading.

- The valuable contributions that parents and children can make by volunteering together celebrated in the **Volunteer Family Award**
- The unique and meaningful contributions that animals make to individuals and community through their actions recognized with the **Volunteer Animal Award.**

Don't delay. [Nominate today!](#)

The upcoming theme is:
"The Debt & Credit Crisis & the Human Venture"

The next Book Club session is on December 17, 2008. For more details, click [here](#).

**[Leadership Calgary](#) is a program of Volunteer Calgary*

SURVEY TIME: OUR COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Volunteer Calgary in conjunction with Mount Royal College students is conducting a survey to help us determine how effectively we are communicating with our members.

Please take a moment to complete this survey and help us enhance our services to you.

It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and all responses will be confidential and anonymous.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, though it will be invaluable and very much appreciated.

Click [here](#) to begin.

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR WOMEN

Do you know a woman who uses her personal or professional influence to improve the lives of other women? If so, she may be a candidate for the **2008 Soroptimist International of Calgary's Making a Difference for Women Award.**

Soroptimist International of Calgary is currently seeking nominations for the Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award. This program honours women who, through their professional or personal efforts, are making extraordinary differences in the lives of women or girls. Honourees are women who have worked to improve the lives of other women or girls. Their work has had a significant impact, and also inspires and encourages other women.

Women may nominate themselves or another woman they feel is deserving of this award. Complete the [Making a Difference for Women Award Nomination Form](#) and return to Soroptimist International of Calgary before December 15, 2008.

For additional information please contact Shirley at 403.932.2611 or 403.932.3381

IMAGINE CANADA & ENCANA'S SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Imagine Canada and EnCana Corporation invite you to a special breakfast

presentation by Imagine Canada's [Dr. Michael Hall](#) featuring highlights from the [Canada Survey of Business Contributions to Community](#). This ground-breaking report provides highlights of the first ever survey of its kind.

It will be on December 8, 2008. For more details, click [here](#).

FREE BRAND-AID!

Non-profit groups in need of some marketing advice, listen up!

Calgary advertising agency William Joseph will award a grant to a deserving non-profit organization as part of the Brand-Aid contest. The winner of the will get \$25,000 worth of strategic planning, public relations, design, copywriting and web development from the agency.

Application deadline is on November 30. Click [here](#) for details.

WORKSHOPS AT VOLUNTEER CALGARY

Volunteer Calgary hosts special events and training opportunities to strengthen volunteerism in our community.

By Design – Developing Position Descriptions That Work!

This workshop will provide a basic understanding of current trends in the sector and how organizations need to re-think how to involve volunteers in their organizations.

December 3, 9 – 12noon

Click [here](#) for more details and to register online.

Learn about Volunteer Calgary's programs...

How to Get the Most Out of Your Volunteer Calgary Membership

Review the benefits of membership and learn how to use the member portal to its fullest capacity.

November 26 9 – 12noon

To register please contact Helen Shaver at 403-231-1435 or registration@volunteercalgary.ab.ca

WHAT'S NEW AT THE VOLUNTEER CALGARY LIBRARY

Engage those high-skilled, highly experienced volunteers from the boomer generation.

The following titles in the Library collection provide some wisdom on the subject:

Boomer volunteer engagement: collaborate today, thrive tomorrow. Fixler, Jill Friedman. 2008.

Baby boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964, have led change in very phase of their lives. A desire to take care of individuals, the community, and the earth will propel Boomers to revolutionize nonprofits in the twenty-first century. Boomers desire and know how to positively impact a nonprofit's capacity more significantly than any cohort of volunteers that has preceded

them. They are redefining retirement and will demand changes in the very nature of volunteerism.

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Great expectations: boomers and the future of volunteering; VolunteerMatch user research study. 2007.

Recent surveys found that boomers have a strong desire to launch a new chapter in their working lives that involves significant social contribution. The boomer generation is known for wanting choice. And every study to date has found that boomers are not looking for busy work. They are looking for meaning and purpose. They are looking for interesting and challenging opportunities to make an impact on big societal problems. This study and its results underscore the opportunity for nonprofits to engage the time and talent of this exceptional generation and the promise of the Internet as a tool to recruit them." from the Foreword

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Senior volunteer: where and how retired Americans can give back.

Sharpe, Charles C. 2005.

This book encourages volunteerism among retired and older people. It documents the physical and psychosocial benefits, and the personal rewards. The book also discusses volunteerism in the context of changing concepts of aging and retirement in America, and presents a listing of up-to-date opportunities.

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Please contact the Volunteer Calgary Library at 403-231-1426 or library@volunteercalgary.ab.ca for information on these or other resources.

For additional titles search the [online catalogue](#) or contact the library at 403-231-1426.

Engaging more people, more effectively to volunteer in the community

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